

FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 10.26.2009

Wall Street Journal: "Fed's Tarullo Shakes Up Bank Rules ... The rise of Daniel Tarullo, a lawyer with a longstanding interest in bank regulation appointed to the Federal Reserve Board by President Barack Obama, is a sign the era of light-touch bank regulation is over."

Wall Street Journal: "Capmark Seeks Chapter 11 ... One of the nation's largest commercial-real-estate lenders filed for bankruptcy protection in Delaware, the latest sign that problems in that market are far from over."

Wall Street Journal: "Debtors to the Front ... Banks around the world have been battered in the past year, but most have not responded by turning over control of their businesses to their borrowers."

Wall Street Journal: "Six Steps to Revitalize the Financial System ... The debate over financial services reform has meandered for weeks without a clear sense of urgency."

Washington Post: "Government widens control over paychecks ... The Federal Reserve joined the Treasury Department on Thursday in imposing new limits on executive pay, extending the government's control over compensation at taxpayer-owned companies to institutions that are merely government regulated."

Washington Post: "5 myths about Wall Street pay days ... The financial crisis is now more than a year old, and

Americans are still angry -- angry that the economy tanked, angry that they're out of work. But mostly, people seem outraged by Wall Street bonuses."

NY Times: "U.S. Considers Reining In 'Too Big to Fail' Institutions ... Congress and the Obama administration are about to take up one of the most fundamental issues stemming from the near collapse of the financial system last year - how to deal with institutions that are so big that the government has no choice but to rescue them when they get in trouble."

LA Times: "Credit account dispute could stall mortgage application ... Could a little-known and potentially controversial practice by mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac kill or stall your next loan application? Absolutely."

LA Times: "Executive pay is only part of the problem ... The financial industry has bounced back so strongly from last year's credit crunch that many Wall Streeters are looking forward to the kind of six-figure bonuses they enjoyed at the height of the housing bubble."

USA Today: "Obama, Congress propose help for small businesses looking for loans ... Paul Carosi bought Units Mobile Storage in Phoenix 18 months ago, wasn't able to get a small-business loan, and has walked the treacherous line of relying on his 401(k) savings to fund his business."

USA Today: "Fed would police bank pay under new policy ... The Federal Reserve would police banks' pay policies to ensure they don't encourage employees to take reckless gambles like those that contributed to the financial crisis, according to a proposal unveiled Thursday."

USA Today: "Credit card proposal no help ... just wanted to say thanks but no thanks to the government for trying to protect the public from the credit card companies and initiating a proposal that would prevent the companies from raising their interest rates in the future ("Get ready to get spanked for staying out of credit card debt," Money, Tuesday)."

Washington Times: "EDITORIAL; Fomenting financial disasters ... Kenneth R. Feinberg, the Obama administration's "pay czar," has no clue about how to run a business."

Reuters: "Treasury: care needed in redirecting bailout fund ... The Obama administration must tread carefully while redirecting a \$700-billion bank bailout fund to support struggling housing and small business sectors because the financial system is still fragile, a senior Treasury official said on Thursday."

Reuters: "Study suggests systemic-risk charge for small banks ... Large groups of small but similar banks can collectively pose a risk to the entire financial system, so it would make sense for them to pay an extra capital charge, according to a research paper presented on Wednesday."

The New Yorker: "Why Banks Stay Big ... Before the financial crisis, the banking industry was too concentrated and clubby. And now? It's even more so. In the midst of the crisis, the country's four biggest banks-Citigroup, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, and Wells Fargo-actually got bigger."